

of a rat hunt: an *idol* to a savage is the deity itself. With the discovery that words could be employed as transferable signs it became possible to form a language. But men took time to appreciate the usefulness of words as representing objects. At a time when Rome had long been founded, land could only be transferred by handing over a clod from its surface. Without the use of words the processes of reason could never have outgrown their primitive stage. For it is only by words that properties are distinguished—are, so to speak, mounted for examination. How could we consider the intricacies of logic if our ideas of them were only to be expressed by gestures?

Not less momentous have been the consequences of the discernment of properties upon the material practical life of man. It has enabled him to invent tools and machines. A stone, with which he has killed an adversary, is perceived to be of value not as a stone but as a missile. and the way is open for discovering other missiles. So have been invented the appliances which man has turned against Nature to limit her tyranny. converting her wildernesses into fields. and her fibres and timber into clothing and houses. also the weapons which man has fashioned for the destruction of his fellow-men.

In the light of consciousness our instincts also become amenable to analysis. We can

dissect
our emotions. and compare them.
estimating. for
instance. how far our conduct is
actuated by self-
fish and how far by social motives. Our
vague
aesthetic and ethical impulses are
dissolved.
refined. and crystallized into systems of
art and
morals. We can also observe and
appraise our
habits. Consciousness. then. provides
the will
with the material that it requires for
the exercise